

Assessment of waste water flow into Sea

3023. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have made any assessment of wasteful flow of water of west flowing rivers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of each of such rivers; and
- (c) the steps being taken to harness the water flowing waste in the sea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The average annual precipitation is estimated as 4000 Billion Cubic Metre (BCM) in the country. After accounting for the natural process of evaporation etc., the average annual water availability in the country is assessed as 1869 BCM. Utilization of water for diverse purposes is made through various schemes including major and medium projects and minor schemes, both surface and ground water. It is estimated that owing to topographic, hydrological and other constraints, the utilizable water is 1123 BCM only. As per an estimate, the average annual water availability of Mahi, Sabarmati, Narmada, Tapi, West flowing rivers between Tapi to Tadri, West flowing rivers between Tadri to Kanyakumari and West flowing rivers of Kutch and Saurashtra, etc, is 291.30 (BCM). It is estimated that the total utilizable water in above mentioned basins is 160.37 BCM. Rest of the water could be considered flowing down to sea.

With a view to optimally utilize the available resources, several measures for development and management of water resources are undertaken by the respective State Governments which include creation of storages, restoration of water bodies, rain water harvesting, artificial recharge to ground water and adoption of better management practices etc. State Governments conceive, plan and implement major, medium and minor scheme for utilization of water resources.

Ganga Management Board

3024. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that consequent to the creation of State of

Uttaranchal, Government have vide its notification dated the 7th November, 2000 authorised the Ganga Management Board to cater to the Uttaranchal State too till alternative arrangements were made; and

(b) if so, whether the similar Board has been constituted in the new State; if not, the reasons therefor and by when, the same is likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Water Resources issued a Notification on November 7, 2000 under Section 64 of the Uttar Pradesh Reorganisation Act so that the present arrangements in regard to supply of water to the successor States of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal are not disturbed till the Ganga Management Board under Section 80 of the Act is created or alternative arrangements are made. The Ganga Management Board as envisaged under Section 80 of the Act, could not be notified by Government due to lack of consensus between the States of U.P. and Uttaranchal.

Financial provision made for inter linking of rivers

†3025. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) the extent of financial provision made for river linking campaign during the last two financial years;
- (b) the extent of provision made for this purpose during the year 2006-07;
- (c) the amount spent on this scheme each year by 31st October, 2006; and
- (d) the details of the co-operation extended, interest taken and demands made by State Governments including Chhattisgarh to Central Government for the progress of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) No provision is made for any campaign for the river linking programme. However,

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